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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL REPORT ON MISSING AMERICANS IN UGANDA

REF: STATE 199674

1. NAIROBI HAS RECEIVED SECOND REPORT FROM SEPARATE SOURCE WHICH SEEMS TO CORROBORATE STORY OF ARREST OF AMERICANS AT FAIRWAY HOTEL. CORRESPONDENT FOR FINANCIAL TIMES AND ECONOMIST JOHN WORRALL, WHO ALSO WRITES FOR LONDON SUNDAY TIMES AND U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, SPOKE WITH UGANDAN ARMY NURSE WHO FLED TO KENYA IN RECENT DAYS. ACCORDING TO NURSE, SHE WAS CALLED TO ASSIST DOCTOR AT HOSPITAL IN KAMPALA WHO REMOVED HEADS FROM BODIES OF THREE "EUROPEANS" AND THREE UGANDAN GIRLS. "EUROPEANS" WERE DESCRIBED TO NURSE AS AMERICANS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AT FAIRWAY HOTEL IN COMPANY OF THE GIRLS, ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE, AND EXECUTED, ALONG WITH THE GIRLS, BY STATE RESEARCH BUREAU MEN. SURGICAL REMOVAL OF HEADS WAS SUPPOSEDLY
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A PRELIMINARY TO THEIR MOUNTING AS TROPHIES, REPORTEDLY ORDERED BY PRESIDENT AMIN. LURID NATURE OF THIS STORY GAINS CREDIBILITY BY THE NURSE'S CLAIM TO HAVE RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE GIRLS AS A SCHOOLMATE, THE DAUGHTER OF UGANDAN "DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION" PETER KABUGO. NURSE TOLD WORRALL THAT SHE LATER REMOVED HER FRIEND'S HEAD FROM COLD STORAGE AND TOOK IT TO KABUGO,

WHO RUSHED OFF IN A RAGE TO "TAKE THE HEAD TO AMIN,
AS AMIN WANTED." NURSE SAYS THAT SHE WAS LATER ADVISED
THAT BODIES OF THE DOCTOR WHO PERFORMED OPERATION AND
PETER KABUGO WERE FOUND ON KAMPALA ROAD.

2. POST ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN THE
NURSE AND EMBASSY OFFICER, TO OBTAIN DETAILS FIRST HAND.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE STORY HAS BEEN CONCOCTED WITHIN
NAIROBI'S UGANDA REFUGEE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, POST
BELIEVES THAT WITH THESE GORY DETAILS BEING GIVEN TO
PRESS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF STORY AS REPORTED
SO FAR.

3. REFTTEL DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER PASSPORT FILE SEARCH
ON NAMES OF SANKY, SMITH, AND BROWN HAD BEEN MADE AS
WELL. (POSSIBLE ALTERNATE SPELLING IS SANKEY). POST
REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INITIATE SUCH A RECORDS CHECK AND
ADVISE ASAP.
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